

# CAMP HIGH GRADE PRESENTS ANOTHER BONANZA GROUP OF GOLD MINES

## STRONG CORPORATION FORMING TO OPERATE THE RICH MERGER COMBINATION IN THE CORE OF THE MINERAL DISTRICT

Local Capital Assured Sufficient To Make Property a Big Dividend Producer--Mines Recommended By Distinguished Authority

A thrilling chapter in the story of Gain that has captivated mankind since the birth of civilization is now being penciled in characters of gold among the crags and chasms of Camp High Grade.

It is the same old lure of the hills that has come to farm and hamlet and busy mart and startled the globe with stories of fabulous wealth, and that has forced the race onward and upward by the countless millions it has added to the wealth of the world.

It is another chapter in the wonderful volume of Dollars and Cents, that comes directly from the bosom of Mother Earth at the magical touch of skill and under the irresistible influences of property directed intelligence.

It relates a modern tale of "Aladdin," based upon the hard stubborn facts of favorable geological conditions, and mineral disposition in the Hills of High Grade by the great Alchemist by chemical agencies which have operated in their seams and fissures during long centuries gone.

No other story has ever so universally captivated the human race, or so thrilled the human heart with its wizard power. No other legend has been inscribed in letters that so dazzled and amazed. No other tradition has ever been repeated that so completely mastered the listeners.

The lure of gold has elevated mankind to a realm where he speaks through space and stands face to face with his maker. The lust for gold has ruined aspirations, wrecked fortunes, crushed hopes, desolated homes, devastated empires, crumbled thrones, and changed the maps of continents.

### Nearly Two Billion Dollars in Gold

The great state of California leads all the world in the production of the yellow metal. The history of this matchless commonwealth is vastly more entertaining than the perusal of all the romances that have been written and read. Since the first discovery of nuggets in the sands at Sutter's Mill, in El Dorado County, by Marshall in 1849, California has poured into the commerce of the world nearly Two Billion Dollars in gold. No other section on the globe can boast of so grand a record. And today, California leads all of the states of the Union, and all the nations of the earth in gold production.

The great "Mother Lodes" and "Ancient River Beds" of the very appropriately named "Golden State" has transformed hundreds and thousands of people from the realm of poverty to affluence. The list is a long and glorious one. It is increasing as the years come and go. To it will be added the names of many now unknown in the world of finance and affairs. What they will accomplish, and how their success may influence the commercial world, remains to be written. But that they will add still brighter luster to the proud old name of California is certain.

The eyes of Wall Street and the great money marts of the World are always turned toward California. Here they feel assured they can look with safety for a guarantee that their investments will result in a majority of figures and amounts upon the credit side of the ledger. Here they are convinced is the one locality above all others wherein capital may be multiplied many times over, and where the pittance of the poor will return fortunes that will make them rich.

### An Old Gold District

In the extreme Northeastern corner of California, in Modoc county, up amid the peaks and dykes and ledges of the Warner Range, looking serenely and proudly down upon two of the richest agricultural valleys on the earth, is now systematically and practically developed one of the greatest gold camps ever discovered. Its presence has been known in a way since 1871, when old "Goose Lake Mining District" was organized at the home of Wm. Cogswell, five miles north of New Pine Creek. The district has been prospected more or less by different parties since that time. For the last five years its wealth of float scattered over the square of territory, has been the theme of common comment by mining men all over the country. When the N.-C.-O. Railway was completed to Lakeview, Oregon, through New Pine Creek, on the California

and Oregon state line, last December, prospectors and miners began coming into the district, and they are still coming.

### High Grade a New Gold Camp

These argonauts of many camps, these veterans of the mountains, found conditions in general that surprised and pleased them, and values in the rocks that amazed them. They could then readily understand why N. E. Goyot, to whose pluck and push is due much of the camp's popularity, and who christened it "High Grade" should give the district this name. They found many properties that have been prospected in a desultory way for several years. They found two stamp mills and one Chilean mill in the camp, but none operating, because of a lack of ability and enterprise on the part of their owners, more than anything else. The two stamp mills are now in operation, and they are saving the values. They found thousands of feet of development work in the district, and sufficient work on some of the claims to properly place them in the list of real mines. They found float on the Sunshine and Yellow Jacket that exceeds \$20,000 per ton in value. They found ore sacked from that property, the first shipment from which netted over \$200 per ton. They found hundreds of tons of a good grade of milling ore on the Big Four, upon which the stamps are pounding this week. They found the Consolidated shaft down 200 feet on a well defined ledge in which a strike of picture rock was made a week ago. They found a 300-foot tunnel driving to cross cut the vein of \$100 ore in the Sunset, and from which vein tellurium was taken that assayed \$20,000 per ton.

### Chimneys Filled With Gold

The geological conditions and combination of High Grade are, in many respects distinctly its own. No two mining districts have ever been found to be alike. Many features may be and are similar. But distinguishing qualities must be met and mastered before the greatest success can be attained. The immense specimens of brecciated matter found both in float and in place in High Grade, renders it possible and legitimate to place any probable limit within the bounds of reason on the future output of the district, especially when the bonanza values secured for tests of many of these samples are considered. This breccia settles the fact that geyser action has been widespread and intense in the district. And geyser action is admitted to be one of the surest, as well as one of the greatest, depositors of mineral in nature. That large and exceedingly rich geyser chimneys will be encountered here, there can be no reasonable doubt. And that these geyser chimneys will make millionaires in High Grade, as they did in Cripple Creek is equally certain.

Yellow Mountain is admitted to be the ancient seismic or volcanic center of the district when convulsions occasioned by stupendous subterranean forces piled the Warner Range up among the clouds, intruding vast dykes of porphyry, or altered rock, and rendering the new geological structure with numberless fractures or fissure veins in which for ages was churned the broken fragments of rock shattered by volcanic action in thermal waters carrying mineral in solution. When this process was completed, the hot water and broken fragments were cemented together and became cool, forming what we term "breccia," which in many instances is immensely rich in the mineral it has thus obtained.

### The Merger Mines

In the center of this matchless gold area is located the Merger group of mines, consisting of Merger No. 1, Merger No. 2, and Merger No. 3. They extend up almost to the summit of Yellow Mountain, embracing an area which has for years been noted for the regularity of its formation, and the phenomenal values of its ores. It is surrounded by such properties as the Big Four, The Huckleberries, Consolidated, Alturas, Josephine and Seven Lakes. To the north is the Sunshine and Yellow Jacket.

The Merger group commands the attention and confidence of every mining man that has visited it. Opened at different points by shaft, tunnel and drift, and disclosing the same favorable features as to the amount and richness of its vein material, it bears all the ear

marks of an exceedingly rich mine.

The Merger property is owned by Mr. Charles L. Fulton, who has so successfully managed the promotion of the Sunshine High Grade Mining Company. He is now incorporating a company to operate the Merger claims, and this organization will be officered and controlled by local men equally popular and influential as those who compose the directorate of the Sunshine Company. The High Grade Merger Mines Company is the name of the new organization, and it will consist of some of the best men of New Pine Creek and Lakeview, Oregon.

### Coarse Free Gold

Mr. Fulton will be general manager of the High Grade Merger Mines Company. He is now busy planning preliminaries for erecting new buildings, installing a gasoline hoist, and continuing the sinking of the shaft into the vast gold deposits and veins which, reasonably certain, lie deeper down. The shaft is now 40 feet in depth, with 50 feet of drifts. At the breast of the east drift the vein is nearly four feet wide. From this drift a brown tale is secured which pans the coarsest and darkest free gold yet encountered in the district. Quartz has been taken from the vein which assayed over \$50,000 per ton.

### The Merger Mines Company

The company will be capitalized at 1,000,000 shares of the par value of \$1.00 per share, and treasury stock will be started on the market at 10 cents. A brisk local demand for organization stock subscriptions is in evidence. A miner at the mines was the first to head the list for 10,000 shares. Men on the ground and men who know the ground will buy Merger Mines stock.

If the Merger group fails to show up one of the great mines of the West, then old Nature has played some pranks in the Warner Range that would mystify the gods.

The group possesses every favorable symptom which characterizes the making of a rich mine. Its geological features are splendid. Its location is fine. Within half a mile of the group is the Big Four mill, now in operation. From mine to mill it is down hill all the way. Just below the properties is a fine stream of the finest mountain water, with several springs, and one iron spring. And upon every side is a thick growth of the best mining and lumber timber in the West. A good wagon road crosses the property, leading from New Pine Creek and the new town of High Grade to the new town of Branley and the Consolidated mine and mill. Branley is only half a mile from the Merger group. Twelve sacks of high grade ore are now stored in one of the cabins at the property. This ore was taken from the rich pay streak in the east drift of the 40 foot level and in sinking the shaft on Merger No. 2. The mine is only six miles from New Pine Creek depot on the Nevada-California-Oregon Railway which is reached by one of the best mountain roads in the West.

### Rich Showings on Surface

The Merger presents vastly greater indications of phenomenal wealth within its boundaries than did the Portland, Independence, Wild Horse, Last Dollar, Mary McKinney, or Raven of Cripple Creek, the Camp Bird of Ouray, Little Johnnie of Leadville, or Consolidated or Mohawk of Goldfield. The sensational values it has returned from the 40 foot level, the persistence and regularity of the vein, the very fine quality of the quartz, the numerous intrusions of silicified porphyry over the entire area of the property, offers to the investing public far and away beyond the ordinary; something legitimate and as absolutely certain to bring handsome returns in a very short time, as it is possible for a practically undeveloped mining property to offer.

### In Line With Big Bonanzas

Located on a general line with the great Nevada camps that have made men dizzy with their immense profits possessing many better natural assurances of value and permanency, there is no reason to doubt but that the Merger group will be on the tongue and in the minds of mining men all over the world. It may not equal old Comstock with its proud record of Six Hundred Million Dollars, from some of the proceeds of which the Southern Pacific Railroad was launched and the first line

completed, from which the first Atlantic Cable was laid by Cyrus W. Field, and from which Uncle Sam borrowed millions of dollars with which to carry on the War of the Rebellion. It may not parallel the Independence, which grabbed Stratton from his carpenter's bench and in three short years placed in his till Ten Million Dollars.

It may not duplicate the fabulous fortunes extracted from the other great mines mentioned. And then, upon the other hand, it may outstrip the majority of them.

### Merger May be Richer than the Richest

The Merger may pale the best properties in Goldfield or Cripple Creek into insignificance. Down in the throats of those old geyser chimneys may be lying dormant richer deposits of gold than the world has ever known. Certainly all of the values did not bubble up and land upon and near the surface. Somewhere down in those great cauldrons of a bygone age is hidden wealth greater than that of Oriental Empires. Omnipotence did not employ ledger-main chemistry in the construction and completion of High Grade dykes and veins and chimneys. The same ingredients used in depositing the \$20,000 values in the Sunshine and the Sunset, and the \$50,000 ore in Merger No. 2, could certainly not have been confined to a few small and isolated crevices in this district. Somewhere there certainly must be more of this material in quantity that will denominate the mine in which it is found "A Bonanza."

The best practical mining men of the world have visited Camp High Grade, and without a single exception not one of them has gone forth and denounced the district. Some have failed to form a conclusion, but have always given the camp the benefit of the doubt. While they claim that it is a problem to be solved by powder and steel, yet they admit and admire the presence of high grade ore on the surface throughout the district.

They place the Merger group at the top of the list as a comer. They pronounce it a great mine, now, in its infancy. And its youth is to its credit and in its favor. All of the mineral it ever contained is still there. It is not a worked out hole in the ground, a gutted property, a reminiscence of glory that has departed. It presents to the public a mine with all of its luster untouched. It comes to the investor in the bloom of youth with all of its allurements of splendid promise in golden harvests and successful and satisfactory consummation. Its greatness and its grandeur, in the future, to be enjoyed mutually by those who now assist in its development, and its vast gold deposits will be turned over to those who become interested in it.

The writer has spent a third of a century among the mining camps of the West. From Leadville to High Grade nearly all of the new camps have noted his presence, and he is familiar with most of the old districts. And the conclusion reached now, after four months of careful investigation as to the situation in High Grade, is that it is "The Greatest Gold Camp in History."

### Big Money and Merger Stock

I have made a searching and careful investigation of the Merger group, and unqualifiedly pronounce that property the most promising in the district. If I were a gambler, I would stake my pile on it. If I were wealthy, I certainly would invest heavily in it. As it is, I have ordered 5,000 shares of stock, and feel that it is one of the fortunate financial movements of my life. I have made and lost money in mining stocks for many years. I have never invested with a stronger feeling of security than experience over my investment in Merger. If it wins, I will "rake in" a jack pot. If it fails, my investment will not pauperize me. If I want to turn loose while High Grade fever is up I can win a handsome profit. If a strike is made like those made recently in Sunshine, "Lucky Dutchman," and Consolidated, it will send the stock skyward. If the property plops along, it will be as safe as farming or merchandising.

The mine being right, and the men behind it right, and the district rapidly surging to the front, I can conceive of no better chance to win big money and quick money than by investing in Merger stock.

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